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**RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 31, 2007, the applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group II for further prosecution.

The Examiner's statement that "Upon the allowance of the linking claims, the restriction requirement of the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and any claims depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claims will be entitled to examination in the instant application." See page 2 of the Office Action dated December 31, 2007.

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